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TOPIC Pirna Ordnance School of the Ministry of the Interior **610825**

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1. The Pirna Ordnance School which was subordinate to the Ministry of the Interior had the designation "Waffentechnische Schule, Pirna II" and was quartered in brick buildings on the Sonnenstein Hill, about 3 kilometers north of the center of the city.

2. Organization and strength of the unit were as follows:

	Officers	Officer Candidates	EM
Headquarters	23		
Headquarters platoon			25
1st Co	5	63	
2d Co	6	60	
3d Co	6	60	

3. Officers of the school included Lieutenant Colonel Weiss (fmu), school commander; Major Kirmes (fmu), director of training; Major Lerche (fmu), deputy for general affairs; Major Gowinkowski (fmu), political officer; Captain Mietz (fmu), liaison officer to the Ministry of the Interior; Senior Lieutenant Franke (fmu), instruction officer for ammunition; Captain Luchs (fmu), instruction officer for political indoctrination; Captain Kehr (fmu), instruction officer for infantry equipment; Lieutenant Hebel (fmu), leader of the 1st Co; and Senior Lieutenant Sachse (fmu), leader of the 2d Co.

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4. Weapons of the school included one 122-mm howitzer; 1 model DschK M-1938 heavy machine gun, 2 Neksin heavy machine guns; and one Goryunov heavy machine gun. The instruction officer for infantry equipment said that a shipment of several guns came in by rail in early October and was stored in the gun storage shed. Motor vehicles of the school included 5 M-3-A trucks; 2 BMW and EMW sedans; and 1 ambulance.
5. A Soviet adviser who held the rank of colonel was assigned to the school. He appeared only occasionally and did not personally interfere with the service of the units.
6. Instruction at the school included instruction on the model 100 rifle, model 100 submachine gun, model TT-33 pistol, Goryunov heavy machine gun, Neksin heavy machine gun, DschK heavy machine gun; ballistics; the development of infantry and artillery ammunition; combat training in the terrain at platoon level for marksmanship training; and instruction on the capture or engine and maintenance of motor vehicles.

 Comment. In early September 1952, the ordnance school moved from Gora to Firna.

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 Lieutenant Colonel Weiss (fmu), probably succeeded Colonel Thiele (fmu), the previous school commander. It is believed that Colonel Thiele was reassigned to Iobrilugk.

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